

## Artist's Biography

Elisa Torres is an Artist born in Ventura County California. Elisa learned to create images at a young age. After studying film in High School she decided to pursue image making with film, but found her passion in painting. Studying under her Oxnard College Art professors, she obtained her Associates Degree in Studio Arts for transfer while creating a body of work that celebrates her environment. Torres is known for her combination of various styles and she continues to experiment with new and traditional techniques. She is currently attending California State University Channel Islands to earn her Bachelor's in Studio Art. Torres is now learning digital media to add variety to her studio work.

## Artist's Statement

From an early age I realized how much creativity fascinated me. It has been a way to connect and communicate with the world through the language of Art. I grew up attending community meetings and classes in South Oxnard. The people that made changes happen through movements in my community have inspired me. My work touches political subjects, highlights essential workers, and the importance of celebrating diversity and basic needs. I strive to express the culture and importance of land acknowledgement in my work. Combining this with the study of natural aesthetics I work diligently to create images and paintings with meaning and diverse content. I enjoy working on large surfaces, whether it's walls or large canvas fabric. There is a bigger joy I obtain from painting on a big scale. My intention for the CEDC mural is to combine two styles of work together. I would like to create a work that is inspired by a digital painting that is morphed into either a contemporary digital image created on Adobe Illustrator for a finished crisp and modern design or finished using a traditional painting technique.

